AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Please insert in the first sentence after the title, the following new paragraph.

This application is the U.S. national phase of International Application PCT/EP2003/006351, filed June 17, 2003, claiming priority to European Patent Application 02077544.1 filed June 24, 2002, and European Patent Application 03075397.4 filed February 11, 2003, and the benefit under 35 U.S.C. 119(e) of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/408,197, filed September 4, 2002; the disclosures of International Application PCT/EP2003/006351, European Patent Application 02077544.1, European Patent Application 03075397.4 and U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/408,197, each as filed, are incorporated herein by reference.

Please insert the following new paragraph at page 3, line 24.

Brief Description of the Drawings

Figure 1 is a process flow diagram of a process for removing volatile components from polymer compositions with a single heating step before the first devolatilization chamber.

Figure 2 is a process flow diagram of a process for removing volatile components from polymer compositions with two heating steps before the first devolatilization chamber.

Please replace the paragraph beginning at page 15, line 9, and ending at line 11, with the following paragraph.

A solution of a butene-1 homopolymer in butene-1 with a polymer concentration of 25% by wt and a polymer melt index MIE of 0,400.40 was treated according to the embodiment of Fig.2 of the present invention.